

# WELCOME TO THE AUSTRALIAN YARN SHOW 2024



9:00am to 5:00pm  
23 to 24 March, 2024  
Rydges Hotel  
Canberra, ACT

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AUSTRALIA

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# ABOUT THE SHOW

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Welcome to the very first Australian Yarn Show! We are excited to be kicking off this wonderful community-enriching event in 2024 at the Rydges Hotel in our nation's capital city.

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You may be joining us this weekend with many years of fibre arts experience. You may be joining us because you are just starting out in your fibre arts journey. Either way, you are warmly welcomed to the Australian Yarn Show.

The concept of the show was born out of our deep desire to learn from experts and to educate others on a range of fibre arts topics. We wanted to move away from a focus on buying and



selling and bring back a focus to learning and our three core values - community, connection and collaboration. This event is focused on bringing our community together to celebrate the creativity that exists among fibre artists Australia-wide.

Thank you for your support, and we hope you have an incredible weekend!

Yours in yarn,  
Caterina Sullivan, Director AYS

# SATURDAY AGENDA

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Time	Event	Room	Notes
9:00am	Doors open	Forrest Suite Barton Room Wellington Room	Please register at the registration desk on Level 1 (access via the elevator or the stairs)
9:30am	Farm to Yarn: The production process of yarn in Australia	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
9:30am	Around the Square workshop	Parkes Room (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants
9:30am	Brave Brioche workshop	Executive Boardroom 2 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
10:30am	Speed knitting competition	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	No registration required. Please bring 8ply yarn and appropriate needles.
11:00am	Stitching Wellness: Exploring the health benefits of fibre crafts	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
12:30pm	Australia's Pattern Pioneers	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees

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1:00pm	Botanical Knitting and Embroidery workshop	Executive Boardroom 1 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
1:15pm	Seaweed yarn launch & recycled and eucalyptus yarn information session	Fancy Yarns stall (Forrest Suite Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
1:30pm	Raffle	Wellington Room (Ground floor)	Additional tickets can be purchased at the registration desk
1:30pm	Bend it Like Brioche workshop	Executive Boardroom 2 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
1:30pm	Granny Square Mastery workshop	Parkes Room (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants
1:30pm	Beginners Tunisian Crochet workshop	Lounge Bar (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants
2:00pm	A Spotlight on Handmade Artistry: Empowering artisans	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees

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Time	Event	Room	Notes
2:30pm	Twenty-Four Birds MKAL Cast-On Party	Atrium (Ground floor)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees. Refer to page 14 for more information.
3:00pm	Raffle	Wellington Room (Ground floor)	Additional tickets can be purchased at the registration desk
3:15pm	5ply and 10ply yarn launch and Polwarth wool information session	Tarndie stall (Barton Room Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
3:30pm	Yarn Swap	Registration Desk (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees. Refer to page 14 for more information.
4:30pm	Shelley Husband Book-signing	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
5:00pm	Day 1 concludes		
6:00pm	Community Connection Dinner	George Grill (Ground floor)	Only available to registered dinner ticket-holders

# SUNDAY AGENDA

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9:00am	Doors open	Forrest Suite Barton Room Wellington Room	Please register at the registration desk on Level 1 (access via the elevator or the stairs)
9:00am	Botanical Knitting and Embroidery workshop	Executive Boardroom 1 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
9:30am	Eco Threads: Navigating sustainable fibre practices	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
9:30am	Granny Square Mastery workshop	Parkes Room (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants
9:30am	Continental Breakfast workshop	Executive Boardroom 2 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
9:30am	Expansion Tunisian Crochet workshop	Lounge Bar (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants



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Time	Event	Room	Notes
10:30am	Speed crochet competition	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	No registration required. Please bring 8ply yarn and appropriate hook.
11:00am	Dyeing to Know You: Meet Australia's yarn dyers	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
12:00pm	Guess the yarn meterage competition	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	No registration required
12:30pm	Yarn Down Under: The importance of supporting the Australian yarn industry	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
1:30pm	Raffle	Wellington Room (Ground floor)	Additional tickets can be purchased at the registration desk
1:30pm	Full on Fair Isle workshop	Executive Boardroom 2 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants



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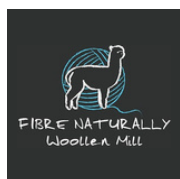
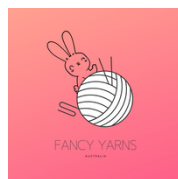
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Time	Event	Room	Notes
1:30pm	How to Read Patterns and Charts workshop	Parkes Room (Ground floor)	Only available to registered workshop participants
2:00pm	Next Gen Yarnies: Youthful perspectives on the evolving craft landscape	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
2:45pm	Meet the Dyer: Fluff and Nonsense	Fluff and Nonsense stall (Forrest Suite Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
3:00pm	Circular Weaving workshop	Executive Boardroom 1 (Level 1)	Only available to registered workshop participants
3:30pm	Fibre Finesse: Elevate your craft with expert tips and tricks	Forrest Suite (Level 1)	Open to all Yarn Show attendees
4:30pm	Raffle	Wellington Room (Ground floor)	Additional tickets can be purchased at the registration desk
5:00pm	Australian Yarn Show 2024 concludes		Thank you for your support!

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# STALLHOLDERS



FIBRE ART IN AUSTRALIA

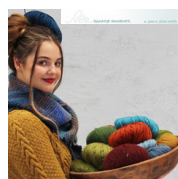
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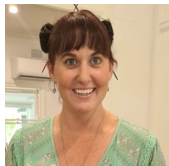


# SPEAKERS & FACILITATORS

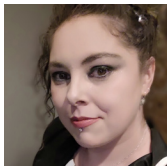
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Abbeymade



Aleashia Kircher,  
Great Southern Yarn



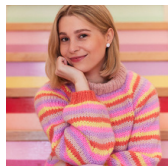
Caitlin Ross,  
Handmade by Catkin



Caterina Sullivan,  
Fancy Yarns Australia



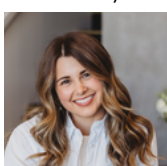
Gayle Herring,  
Fibre Naturally



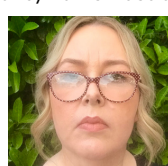
Jaime Dorfman,  
Jaime Creates



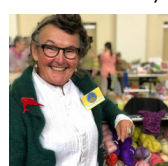
Jane Slicer-Smith,  
Signatur Handknits



Gemma Mrdak,  
Dak & Co



Julianne Ehlert-Connor,  
Fibre Art in Australia



Karin Mainwaring  
The Knitting Man



Kingsley Sullivan,  
New Norcia Bakeries



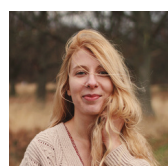
Lisa Wicks,  
111 Windmills



Marie Donnell,  
Obsession Yarns



Mark Jamieson,  
Jamo Designs



Marzena Kotaczek,  
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Max Harrison,  
Maximoo Yarns



Nick Renters,  
GORWM



Nicole Golding,  
Colagirl Collective



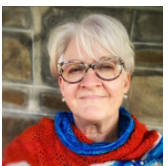
Pru Raymond,  
Dear Pru



Sally Johnson,  
Society Knits



Shelley Husband,  
Spincushions



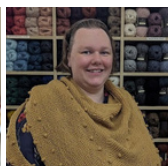
Sue Brown,  
Botanical Knitting



Susanna Kaartinen,  
Sanna and Co



Tanya Keen,  
Yarn Trader

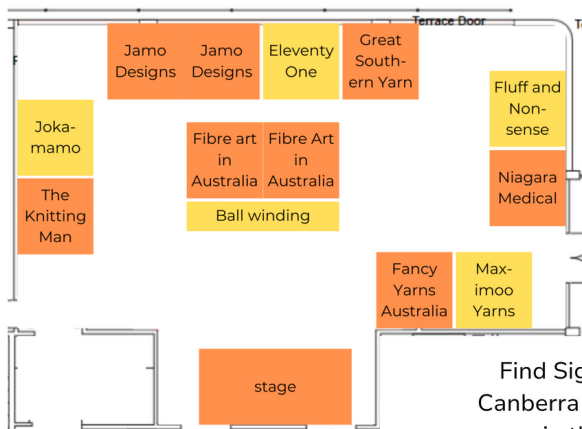


Tash Kiermaier,  
Makerie



Tom Dennis,  
Tarndie

# STALLHOLDER MAP



## FORREST SUITE LEVEL 1

Find Signatur Handknits and Canberra Spinners and Weavers in the foyer between Forrest and Barton

## BARTON ROOM LEVEL 1



## WELLINGTON ROOM GROUND FLOOR

# YARN STORE PASSPORT

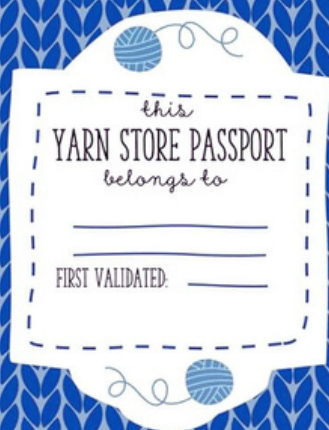
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The Australian Yarn Show is proud to be supporting our attendees to make the most of their Yarn Store Passports. These will be available in the 2024 AYS show bags.

Find out more about the Yarn Store Passport by visiting [www.dearpru.com](http://www.dearpru.com) or asking one of our friendly stallholders!

Don't forget to stamp your passport this weekend!

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## what is the YARN STORE PASSPORT?

The Yarn Store Passport is a new project-bag sized record I've designed for three main reasons:

- for people like me: Yarnaholics, Knitters and Crocheters can plan yarny adventures and collect stamps, stickers and reflections in a fun project-bag-sized journal.
- to support Yarn Stores (brick & mortar, online, markets) to encourage more visitors & sales
- to support guilds and other organisations to encourage visitors to engage in different ways with their events



- Use the wish list to record others' yarn store recommendations
- Take your Yarn Store Passport with you when you visit your LYS.
- If there's no sticker on the wrapping, cut logos from invoice from indie dyers and stick that in your book!
- Collect stickers/ stamps from vendors at knitting/crochet yarn festivals
- Take your Yarn Store Passport on holidays with you- just in case!
- Gift a copy to other yarny friends and suggest a DIY yarn crawl using the template.



# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

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Each Australian Yarn Show 2024 ticket includes a free coffee voucher per day of booking for you to enjoy the beautiful venue with your fibre friends and latest project!

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We will have free tea stations set-up on both the Ground floor and Level 1 for all attendees.

To redeem your coffee voucher, please present your voucher at the bar on the Ground Floor in the Atrium.

From the bar, you can also order snacks from the bar menu or more substantial fare from the George's Grill menu. Payment for food orders can be made by cash or card.

The venue is licensed. Alcohol can be purchased by those over the age of 18 if you want something a little bit stronger than a cuppa to accompany your knitting, crochet or fibre arts project!

This will also be the location of the Community Connection dinner for those who have purchased tickets in advance.

If you have questions about food or beverage options, please speak to Rydges staff members.

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## Wi-Fi information

Name: RydgesGuest

Password: RCanberra

## Ball-winding

There will be a ball-winding station set-up on both Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm, run by the Canberra Knitters and Crocheters group who are volunteering their time to raise money for Roundabout Canberra. If you would like your skeins wound into balls, you can do so at the ball-winding station by making a donation to this incredible Canberran charity.

## MKAL Cast-on Party

We will also be hosting a Twenty-Four Birds MKAL Cast-on Party on Saturday 23rd March at 2:30pm in the Atrium. This is free for all Australian Yarn Show ticket holders to attend. Bring your yarn, your needles and your pre-purchased copy of the pattern from Curious Handmade.

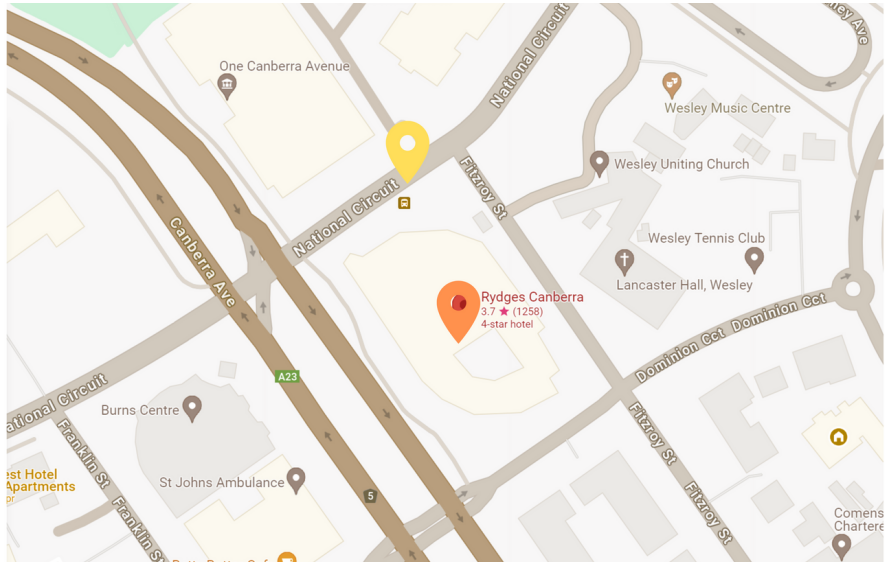


## Yarn Swap

We will hold a Yarn Swap on Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm at the registration table on Level 1. Bring your unwanted and unloved yarn to swap it for something new that you will want to use in your next project! One person's trash is another person's treasure. The Swap will operate on a basis of exchange for equal value.

Any leftover yarn will be donated to charity.

# RYDGES LOCATION



Rydges Canberra main entrance via Canberra Avenue



Bus stop en route to the city and to Woden

## RYDGES

CANBERRA

17 Canberra Ave,  
Forrest ACT  
Rydges Hotel  
Main Entrance

Parking is available in the side streets surrounding the hotel free and untimed on weekends. There are secure car parks available in the surrounding areas which require payment.

Parking at the hotel is available for \$18 per day for hotel guests.

# We hope you have enjoyed your visit to the Australian Yarn Show 2024

Please share your photos and videos of your experience at the Australian Yarn Show with us on social media by tagging us @australianyarnshow and using the hashtags #australianyarnshow and #ays2024. You can also send us your pictures via email.

Don't forget to sign-up to our mailing list on our website for information about future events. You can also follow us on social media for regular updates from our team.

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